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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support *B/SK N* 22 JUN 1964
General Counsel

SUBJECT : Speech by Senator Clinton P. Anderson
Containing Remarks on Satellite Reconnaissance

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. By memorandum dated 12 June 1964 this Office reported to you that the Los Angeles Times carried an article concerning a speech by Senator Clinton P. Anderson before the Rotary International Convention. This Times article has been obtained and a copy is attached. It will be noted that under the column heading, "Use of U.S. Spy Satellite Admitted--Senator's Comment Refutes Denial by Embassy in Moscow" Senator Anderson is quoted as confirming that the United States is flying reconnaissance satellites. The lead sentence refers to the Senator as Chairman of the Senate Space Committee.
3. Through the offices of the General Counsel, a copy of the entire speech was obtained. The only statements by the Senator concerning satellite observation were as follows:

"In addition to communications and weather, we are using experimental satellites as aids to navigation, scientific measurement and observation."

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We are using satellites in the cause of peace. Some experts feel that observation satellites may make it impossible for any nation ever to make secret war preparations or to launch a surprise attack. This may have as great a peacemaking effect as man's fear of nuclear war.

I was very much interested recently when Chairman Khrushchev said his satellites had photographed U.S. bases. He would be happy, Chairman Khrushchev said, to show President Johnson his film strips and President Johnson could show him photographs taken by our satellites. There was a time not long ago when the admission that reconnaissance aircraft were flying over a country would have been viewed as the most serious provocation. I find it significant that no storm of protest--either in the Soviet Union or in the United States--has followed these disclosures. It seems that there is a recognition and acceptance of this amazing new development wrought in space and that we have a new weapon with which to wage peace."

Comparing these excerpts with the attached news article it will be noted that the reporter distorted the Senator's remarks and misinterpreted their significance.

4. When you next see Senator Anderson you may wish to mention to him the sensational treatment given his remarks by the press.

SIGNED

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Acting Director of Security

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